

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council desires the Austin Energy rate case to allow for full and fair participation by all parties, including the Independent Consumer Advocate; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Consumer Advocate was approved by the City Council on February 25, weeks after the rate case commenced; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Rate Case Impartial Hearing Examiner indicated that he adopted the current procedural schedule with “great reluctance”; and

WHEREAS, the schedule for rate cases before the Public Utility Commission of Texas allows 185 days for the process, and the Austin Energy rate case schedule is currently shorter; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to raise issues to be deliberated in the Austin Energy rate case had passed by the time the Independent Consumer Advocate was hired, as has the deadline to respond to questions regarding the inclusion of certain issues; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council will only meet once in July and will be focused on the FY 2017 Budget in August; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to amend the schedule for the Austin Energy rate case to incorporate the following:

1. Give the Independent Consumer Advocate at least two weeks from March 3, 2016 to review all filings, submit a list of issues that should be considered in the rate case, and respond to the Impartial Hearing Examiner’s questions regarding the inclusion of certain issues; and

2. Begin the substantive hearing before Impartial Hearing Examiner on the Austin Energy-proposed rates no earlier than two months from March 3, 2016; and
3. Allow for briefing to City Council and Council deliberation and action on the rate case to take place in late September and October, or later, if necessary.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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